

KYEMSC Subcommittee Meeting

12-04-03 / 0900
KBEMS Offices
2545 Lawrenceburg Rd.
Frankfort, Ky. 40601

Type Of Meeting: KYEMSC Subcommittee

Facilitator: Dr. Fallat

Note Taker: Tom Taylor

Attendees: Dr. Fallat, M.D. Gupton, David Harover, Patti Howard, Erika Kravic, Dr. Pollack, Tom Taylor

Absent: Carol Barr, Charles Stamper, Missy Stamper

Excused: Sharon Rengers, Marsha Frontz, Karen Lane, Janet Hermes, Jeff Hermes, Donna Sparks, Patty Mayhew

Guests: Brian Bishop, Ashley Davis, Jon Muncy, Courtney Cochran, Julie Kamp, Robert McCool, Mark Schneider

Call to Order: 09:15

Agenda

Welcome Guests

Dr. Fallat

Discussion: Dr. Fallat welcomed our guests who introduced themselves.

Action items:

None needed.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Roll Call

Discussion: Roll call was completed. See attached Motion Log.

Action items:

None needed

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Approval Of Minutes From 6-25-03

Discussion: The minutes from the KYEMSC Subcommittee meeting held on 06-25-03 were approved by consensus.

Action items:

Post to web page.

Person responsible:

Tom Taylor

Deadline:

Old Business		Dr. Fallat	
Discussion: There was no “Old Business” for discussion.			
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
None needed			

New Business		Dr. Fallat	
Discussion:			
Director Bishop’s Comments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">House Bill 232 (“Booster Seat Bill”) has been amended to exempt ambulances licensed pursuant to KSR 311A. This exemption includes ambulances only and would not apply to other EMS vehicles such as response cars. There was some concern from members of the subcommittee that this might begin a series of other exemptions that may erode the substance of the law. Director Bishop advised that this particular exemption was the only one under consideration. HB 232 is attached to the “Primary Seatbelt Law” (KSR 189.125), which includes car seats. It is unclear if this exemption would apply to the “Primary Seatbelt Law” retrospectively and therefore car seat use in ambulances. This issue seems to be predicated on the definition of the term “passenger vehicle” as it appears in both pieces of legislation. Should the term “passenger vehicle” be more narrowly defined, thus negating the need for an exemption for ambulances?The Public Access to Defibrillation (PAD) Project, funded by the Rural AED Grant, has begun. KBEMS is in possession of approximately 200 AED’s and four AED Trainers. KYEMSC currently has one AED Trainer and one on order. These 200 AED’s represent the first phase of the project and are to be distributed four each to 40 designated counties. They are slated for placement in one of three places: 1. Fire Departments who are willing to make medical first response runs, 2. Police Departments who are willing to make medical first response runs, and 3. Public gathering places such as courthouses, schools, and auditoriums. This grant also includes training for AED use. The Rural AED Program is slated to deliver approximately 700 AED’s over the next three years. There is currently no AED on the market that is truly pediatric compliant. The Zoll Corporation is set to release in June a module to make these AED’s pediatric compliant by the child’s weight.			
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
No action taken.			

Ambulance Transport of Children Update

Tom Taylor / Dr. Pollack

Discussion:

Mr. Taylor's Comments: (See Director Bishop's earlier comments.)

- There is controversy about a particular type of booster seat. This type is referred to as a "Shield Booster Seat". This type of seat is controversial due to the fact that it provides no shoulder restraint for the occupant. This lack of restraint contributes to severe injuries in all types of impacts. These seats are NOT included for use in HB 232, as was discussed during Director Bishop's comments.

Dr. Pollack's Comments:

- Dr. Pollack displayed a "Shield Booster Seat" and described the manufacturers recommendations for its use. Due to the seat's lack of upper body support is unsafe for use by children. There is legal a effort underway in other states to discontinue manufacture of the "Shield Booster Seat". The "Shield" provides restraint at the waist only, setting the stage for ejection of the child from the seat and serious injury. This type of booster seat IS NOT advocated in HB 232. All booster seats approved for use should be equipped with or have lap AND shoulder belts. It is important to remember that many older vehicles in Kentucky have no shoulder belts, which compounds the problem. A "high back" booster with its own harness is needed in this situation.
- Dr. Pollack displayed different types of seats that are recommended for transporting children between forty (40) pounds and four (4) feet nine (9) inches in height, and weighing less than eighty (80) pounds.
- The booster bill is crucial because it will reduce childhood fatality by as much as 50% in motor vehicle crashes. Support from the EMS / EMSC Community is essential for passage.
- Granting exemptions to the law to EMS providers may open the door to other exemptions as well and erode the substance of the law. Again the suggestion was made that we focus on changing the definition of a "passenger vehicle" in the law rather than granting exemptions. No other states grant such an exemption.

General Discussion:

- The PEPP Course specifically states that it is acceptable to transport a newborn infant in the mother's arms. T. Taylor asked P. Howard for clarification on this point. P.H. advised that this remains a highly debatable issue. The ongoing revision of PEPP recognizes this and the topic will be debated further in the upcoming summit in Texas. There is still no clear-cut recommendation on this transport issue. P.H. feels that this language will not appear in the revision of PEPP.
- Car seats involved in ANY motor vehicle crash should be removed from the vehicle and NEVER used again. All manufacturers recommend destruction of the seat after a MVC. The recommendation further states that prehospital providers should cut the straps from the seat to prevent its future use. A problem arises when the public seeks replacement of the discarded car seat for the return trip home from the hospital. Some auto insurance policies may pay for replacement of the car seat. There is a need for public awareness about this issue.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
No action taken.		

KIPRC's Online Bioterrorism Module Robert McCool / Mark Schneider

Discussion:

Dr. Fallat's Comments (Background):

- The KYEMSC Project has discussed participating in this project as part of state regionalization and Trauma System Development and to assist with integration of pediatrics into these modules. This may be funded partially from the Bioterrorism Grant funded by HRSA. Our new Partnership application also introduces this concept.

Mr. McCool & Mr. Schneider's Comments:

- Mr. McCool and Mr. Schneider described, in depth, the online course. The course is limited to Bioterrorism at this time. Their intention is to expand this course to include other topics such as Incident Command. There are currently no pediatric components to any of their modules. These limitations are due to three factors: 1. Insufficient funding, 2. Lack of time, and 3. Lack of expertise to develop content. In order to develop these pediatric modules KIPRC would need assistance from the subcommittee. The modules should be written on the "Awareness" level and should be approximately 30 - 45 minutes in length and aimed at first response medical personnel.
- Feedback from first response personnel has been positive from the 1000 persons who have taken this course.

General Discussion:

- Dr. Fallat requested that Mr. McCool and Mr. Schneider return to the subcommittee after we know if our Partnership Grant will be renewed. At that time we should review the issues and the resources. Dr. Hacker has indicated that there may be as much as \$50,000 coming to KBEMS for such projects and that some of this money could be utilized for this project. Dr. Fallat would be comfortable with such an arrangement.
- KBEMS Deputy Director O'Neal feels that it would be more productive to author modules that are pediatric specific rather than fragment the current adult specific course. The caveat presented by the KIPRC representatives is that geriatric modules may be just as relevant as pediatric modules. Mr. O'Neal feels that geriatrics could be considered in the adult module and that pediatrics constitutes a different and separate class of patients and that those who specialize in pediatrics would seek these out. There is a vast void nationally in pediatric information on this topic and developing this information could give us the opportunity to be a national leader on this topic. Separate pediatric modules will go a long way towards accomplishing this.
- Dr. Pollack pointed out that the EPA has established funding for joint geriatric / pediatric education funding.
- It is also important to have these courses approved for nursing CEU's.

Action items:

T. Taylor will provide all necessary equipment for the KIPRC presentation at their next appearance.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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Pulaski County CSHCN Presentation J. Monroe / C. Cochran**Discussion:****Ms. Cochran's Comments:**

- During a pediatric emergency it is often difficult for first responders to gain knowledge of their patient's medical history and personal information. In the past information was made available through the "Vial Of Life" program. This program provided for medical information to be stored in the same place (the freezer) so that first responders could access it easily. Participants in this program had a magnet or sticker on their refrigerator to identify where their "vial" could be found. Ms. Cochran suggested that this might be a program of interest to the KYEMSC subcommittee and presented examples of how the program might work, especially for children with special health care needs. In order to make the program mobile the vial could be attached to a key chain.

General Discussion:

- A similar program called "Passport" exists in West Virginia.

Action items:

Create a budget and S.W.O.T. analysis for the subcommittee to review.

Person responsible:

Courtney Cochran

Deadline:

Next Mtg.

Public Access Defid. (PAD) / AED Grant**Dr. Fallat****Discussion:**

See Director Bishop's comments.

Action items:

No action taken.

Person responsible:**Deadline:****ATV Legislation / Orange Card****T. Taylor****Discussion:**

No discussion due to time constraints.

Action items:

No action taken.

Person responsible:**Deadline:**

State Consumer Product Safety Recommendations		
Dr. Pollack		
Discussion: No discussion due to time constraints.		
Action items: No action taken.	Person responsible:	Deadline:
First There, First Care: Lay persons and first aid		
Dr. Pollack		
Discussion: No discussion due to time constraints		
Action items: No action taken.	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Partnership Renewal Application		
Dr. Fallat		
Discussion: A copy of the Partnership Renewal Application was distributed to each member of the subcommittee.		
Action items: No action taken.	Person responsible:	Deadline:
SCOPE		
M. Frontz / D. Gupton		
Discussion: Our SCOPE training dolls are being held at Toy's R Us per M.D. Gupton.		
Action items: Create a budget, order dolls.	Person responsible: Taylor / Gupton	Deadline: Next Mtg.

KYEMSC Budget for Remainder of 2004

Discussion:

A copy of the remaining budget was distributed to each member of the subcommittee. Mr. Davis gave an explanation of the items on the budget. Possible budget items are: 1. Burch Act Video, 2. HB 60 Items, 3. S.C.O.P.E., 4. Textbook stockpile, 5. Vial of Life.

Action items:

Make an estimate of the projects we would like to fund and what their cost would be.

Person responsible:

T. Taylor

Deadline:

Next Mtg.

EMSC Fundraising/Senate Bill 60

D. Harover

Discussion:

General Discussion:

- It is generally felt that brochures and posters should be printed for this project.

Action items:

Contact Mr. Kupchinski at Bureau of Vital Statistics for direction on posters and brochures.

Person responsible:

T. Taylor

Deadline:

Next Mtg.

Burch Act/Training/Video/Packets

Discussion:

No discussion due to time constraints

Action items:

No action taken.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Additional Information: Adjourn 11:05

The next meeting of the KYEMSC Subcommittee is scheduled for January 8, 2004 at 0900 at the KBEMS Offices (2545 Lawrenceburg Rd., Frankfort, Ky.).